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SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN PARTY MEETING

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1. AS DID THE LIBERAL PARTY A WEEK AGO (SEE REFTEL), THE "ARNULFISTA" PANAMANIAN PARTY (PP) MET PUBLICLY SEPTEMBER 13 FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1968 FOR DISCUSSION OF THE CANAL TREATIES AND NAMED A COMMISSION TO STUDY THEM. DURING THE MEETING, A LETTER FROM EXILED FORMER PRESIDENT ARNULFO ARIAS WAS READ. IT CALLED FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC ORDER AND FREE EXPRESSION IN PANAMA. ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS STORY 80 PERSONS ATTENDED, PRIVATE ESTIMATES WERE HIGHER.

2. ONE OF THE SPEAKERS BEFORE THE GROUP DESCRIBED THE PP AS READY TO UNITE WITH ANY OTHER PARTY DISPOSED TO FIGHT FOR A COUNTRY FREE FROM THE TORRIJOS "DICTATORSHIP." (ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER GROUPS--INCLUDING THE REPUBLICAN, LIBERAL, AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES--WERE IN ATTENDANCE.)

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3. BOTH THE PP AND LIBERAL PARTY MEETINGS RECEIVED WIDE PRESS COVERAGE BUT WERE ALSO THE TARGET OF SOME SNIDE REMARKS. A SEPTEMBER 12 COLUMN IN "MATUTINO", FOR EXAMPLE, REFERRED TO THE "OLD TIME POLITICIANS" MEETING AGAIN, AND ALLUDED TO A RUMOR THAT THEIR MEETINGS WERE PROMOTED BY EMISSARIES FROM MIAMI IN CONTACT WITH RONALD REAGAN. A GOSSIP COLUMN IN "CRITICA" OF SEPTEMBER 13 ARGUED

THAT THE PEOPLE WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICAL PARTIES
AND THAT THE YOUTH HAVE TURNED THEIR BACK ON THEM.
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